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Here We Go Again – New Anti-Labor Petition!

Employment Dept. Report Reflects Pay Decreases

(International Labor News Feature)

The decrease in workers' wages from the high wartime levels is reflected in a report issued by the California Department of Employment on unemployment insurance claims. According to this report, in the third quarter of 1945, 90 per cent of the claims filed were eligible to receive the maximum weekly benefits of \$20 per week, while for the fourth quarter of 1945, only 87 per cent of the claimants were entitled to maximum benefits.

Similarly, in the third quarter of 1945, 57 per cent of the cases had base period earnings of \$2000 or more, entitling them to a maximum award of \$468 for a maximum of 23.4 weeks of benefits. During the fourth quarter of 1945, only 49 per cent of the claims fell into this category.

During the third quarter of 1945, 94 per cent of all claimants were eligible for a weekly rate of at least \$18 per week, while in the fourth quarter only 91 per cent were eligible for at least this amount.

Finally, according to this report, the maximum duration of the claims were six-tenths of a week less in the fourth quarter of 1945 than for the third quarter.

This decline in amount and duration of benefits reflects the decline in payrolls, and there is every expectation that an even greater decrease will be reported for the next quarter.

State Labor Convention

The San Francisco Labor Council's committee on arrangements for the coming June convention of the California State Federation of Labor have nearly completed its program. In the entertainment feature for delegates, the committee decided that on Tuesday, June 18, a 30-mile automobile tour of the city would be provided. As a highlight of the convention, a grand ball will be held in the Civic Auditorium on Thursday evening, June 20. The committee again cautions local unions and groups who desire rooms for caucus and other activities to contact Howard Geer at the Whitcomb Hotel before making reservations. The committee desires that there be ample housing for visitors and the co-operation of unions and groups are sought to that end.

Labor Day Items

The following unions reported their intentions of participating in the Labor Day parade: Automobile Painters, No. 1073; Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, Blacksmiths, No. 168; Civil Service Building Maintenance Union, No. 66-A; Masters, Mates and Pilots, No. 90; Office Employees, No. 3; Pile Drivers, No. 34; Mailers, No. 18; Waiters, No. 30; Window Cleaners, No. 44, and San Francisco Joint Council of A.F.L. Auxiliaries.

Organizations who have signified their intentions to parade and organizations who will parade but have not yet taken action, will do the wise thing in contacting Musicians' Union, No. 6, 230 Jones street, PR. 8118, if they desire to have a band.

Removed From Unfair List

Complying with a request from the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, the Standard Oil Company of California has been removed from the San Francisco Labor Council's "We Don't Patronize" list. The sailors' union completed successfully a long-time battle to bring the ships of the company into the ranks of union vessels. Paint Makers, No. 1101, of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, made a similar request in the matter of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company. Compliance by the Council was granted in this matter.

Baltimore Laborers' Pay Up

BALTIMORE—This city has recently increased the hourly wages of laborers in the Public Works Department from 5 cents to 20 cents under an agreement between the city and an A.F.L. local union.

Proponents of Infamous Prop. 12 Apparently Behind Latest Plan

"Restricting Collective Bargaining and Labor Union Agreements" is the title issued by the attorney general's office to a petition that would outlaw collective bargaining and union security. The full title of the petition is as follows:

"Initiative Petition Restricting Collective Bargaining and Labor Union Agreements"

"Forbids two or more persons by co-operation to induce by peaceful means or otherwise, (1) any person to affiliate with a labor union, (2) any employer to employ only members of a labor union or to require that any of his employees be members of a union. Prohibits collective bargaining except under such restrictions as may be provided by law. Permits collective bargaining under such restrictions. Provides for injunction and damages for violations. Provides that if any portion of the bill or its application shall be unconstitutional, the remainder may be enforced."

The proponents for this petition are John H. Walker, 1709 West Eighth street, Los Angeles, and Charles M. Shunstrom, 1318 North Gowen street, Hollywood. John B. Knight will handle and circulate the initiative petition for signatures to qualify it for the November election. Knight is the former assemblyman whose consistent anti-Labor record earned for him the solid opposition of Labor.

The sections of the petition follow:

"SECTION 1a. To protect freedom of choice by individual employee; to encourage and protect peaceful and harmonious relations between employers and employees, to eliminate strikes and work stoppages resulting from jurisdictional disputes between Labor organizations; to diminish the causes of industrial strife and aid in the production of goods and services for all of our people; (a) it shall be unlawful for any two or more persons, by agreement, combination or concert of action, to cause or compel, or attempt to cause or compel, any employee, against his will to become or remain a member of any Labor organization; or any employer, against his will, to require any employee to become or remain a member of any Labor organization.

"Nothing herein shall prohibit an employer and a Labor organization, which is the collective bargaining representative of his employees, from voluntarily agreeing that all persons thereafter entering the employ of the employer shall be or become members of such Labor organization.

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any two or more persons, by agreement, combination or concert of action, to cause or compel, or attempt to cause or compel, any employer, against his will, to recognize or bargain with a Labor organization as the collective bargaining representative of any of his employees wherever procedures are created by all for the designation of such representative and such Labor organization has not been so designated in accordance with such procedures. Nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with collective bargaining, subject to the provisions herein set forth, or to prohibit an employee voluntarily becoming or remaining a member of a Labor organization.

"Any person injured or threatened with injury by violation of any of the provisions herein shall be entitled to injunctive relief therefrom in a proper case and to recover any damages resulting therefrom, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

"As used herein, "Labor organization" means any organization of any kind or any agency or employee representation, committee, or plan, in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, Labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work.

"As used herein "person" means any person, association, organization, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or Labor organization.

"This section is self-executing and shall supersede all provisions in conflict thereto. Legislation may be

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N. Y. Highest Court Rules Firemen Can't Be Gagged

NEW YORK—A gag rule forbidding New York City firemen to discuss their working conditions in public, imposed by former Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh during the La Guardia administration, was thrown out by the New York Court of Appeals in Albany. The Court of Appeals, highest State court, reversed two lower courts which had sustained the gag rule under which John P. Crane, president of the Uniformed Firemen's Association, was punished in 1944 by being exiled to Staten Island, 15 miles from his home.

The Walsh gag rule was issued in the middle of a dispute between the firemen's association and the fire commissioner about wages and hours, and forbade the firemen to make any further pronouncements on their working conditions "or anything else." It was opposed in the lower courts and before the Court of Appeals by the American Civil Liberties Union as depriving firemen of their constitutional right to freedom of speech, and reducing them to "the level of abject slaves of a benevolent departmental despotism."

The Uniformed Firemen's Association announced that Mayor O'Dwyer's new Fire Commissioner, Frank J. Quayle, has "made it plain" that the right of free speech would not now be denied any member of the fire department.

City Group Elects Officers

Considerable business was transacted by the delegates of the A.F.L. Council of City Employees at its semi-monthly meeting held April 8. A committee's report dealing with matters vital to city workers was read and numerous committee recommendations were adopted. Acting Secretary Schlesinger was instructed to cast a white ball declaring elected those who were nominated to offices where no contest developed. The only contest of the first election was for members of the executive committee, and the following were elected: Joe Moreno, Pete Conroy, Jack Kane, Sherman Douglas, Fred Lorenzetti, Arthur Hare and Gerald Pickle. Installation ceremonies will be held at the next meeting of the group on April 22.

Seattle Hospital Workers Gain

SEATTLE—An objective long sought by A.F.L. leaders in Seattle has become a reality with the signing by St. Luke's Hospital of a model Labor agreement between Local 6, Building Service Employees' Union (A.F.L.) and hospital owners. This is the first top-to-bottom union medical institution in the city. The contract covers nurses, ward and kitchen aides and insures a 40-hour week, time-and-a-half for the sixth day and double time for the seventh day and holidays. The contract also provides medical security to employees at no cost to them. Wage scales, which also apply to those engaged in the Medical Security Clinic, are the highest in the city for medical workers.

A.F.L. Members' Benefits

WASHINGTON—Benefits paid by A.F.L. unions to their members in 1945 aggregated more than \$23,500,000, according to reports submitted to Secretary-Treasurer George Meany. The tabulation follows:

Death benefits	\$9,940,265.75
Sick benefits	1,687,792.15
Unemployment benefits	109,939.52
Old-age benefits	6,747,416.11
Disability benefits	231,452.00
Miscellaneous benefits	4,845,927.63
TOTAL.....	\$23,562,793.16

Anti-Labor Utilities Bill

TRENTON, N. J.—Legislation establishing orderly procedures for handling Labor disputes involving public utilities and providing for seizure and operation of utilities by the State in event of a strike has been signed by Governor Walter E. Edge. This bill was fought bitterly by Labor organizations.

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Draft of Utility Workers Blocked by Arbitration

RICHMOND—An unprecedented attempt by a State governor to draft workers into the "unorganized militia" to prevent them from striking was denounced by A.F.L. President Green as amounting to "involuntary servitude."

The startling move, announced by Governor Tuck of Virginia and affecting 1,800 male employees of the Virginia Electric Power Co., was checkmated when the company on the eve of the strike accepted the offer of the union, an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (A.F.L.), to arbitrate the disputed issue of retroactive pay.

As soon as this settlement was reached, Governor Tuck cancelled the draft order, thus leaving the legality of his action untested.

The governor's proclamation shocked Labor officials throughout the country because of its fascist nature. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was reported to have authorized a study to determine the legality of the draft order in order to be prepared if other public officials attempt to resort to similar high-handed tactics.

Postoffice Union Official Dies

WASHINGTON—Labor leaders long associated with William I. Horner, 54, legislative representative of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks (A.F.L.), attended his funeral services at nearby Arlington, Va. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Horner, legislative representative of the union since 1938, was a native of Tennessee, served in the Navy in World War I, and was a member of the American Legion.



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Purchasing Facts

EDIBLE FATS AND OILS

The supply of edible fats and oils this year will be about the same as it was in 1945. It will be at least the middle of 1947 before current restrictions on domestic consumption can be lifted. The output of edible fats and oils in 1945 was about 6,700,000,000 pounds, and this same volume in 1946 will fall considerably below current demand. Here is how the 1946 prospect for edible fats and oils shapes up:

Lard—Production of lard in 1946 is expected to be about 2,500,000,000 pounds. This would be about 400,000,000 pounds more than output in 1945, but much less than in 1943 or 1944 when production was over 3,000,000,000 pounds.

Butter—Production of butter this year will at best be slightly larger than in 1945 when it amounted to about 1,685,000,000 pounds. This will be 500,000,000 pounds less than the average butter production in 1937-1941.

Vegetable Oils—The total supply of corn, cottonseed, peanut and soybean oils this year will be nearly the same as in 1945. The combined margarine and shortening supply for the domestic market is expected to be slightly larger than last year, but the per capita supply of margarine will be smaller, especially in the first half of 1946.

Olive Oil—Domestic olive oil production will be smaller because the production of olives in California in 1945-1946 will be 26 per cent less than in the previous crop year.

20,000,000 Victory Gardens in '46

WASHINGTON—The National Garden Conference of the U. S. Department of Agriculture ended a three-day meeting here with a recommendation for a national goal of 20,000,000 Victory gardens in 1946. The new goal represents an increase of 1,600,000 over the estimated number of gardens planted last year. The recommendation is based on urgent appeals of numerous high-ranking officials for greater efforts than ever to help meet the food crisis that the world now faces.

Jewish Labor Group Opens Drive

NEW YORK—The Jewish Labor Committee, 175 East Broadway, launched a million-dollar drive to help finance its work of rescue, relief, and reconstruction in Europe and intensify the struggle against racism, intolerance and anti-Semitism in this country at a dinner discussion at the Hotel Roosevelt.

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Precedent Established in San Jose Store Contract

A new contract signed on April 3, 1946, between Retail Clerks' Union, No. 428, A.F.L., of San Jose, and Hart's Department Store of the same city has established a precedent in the retail industry for both wage increases and a contract guaranteed profit-sharing plan.

James P. McLoughlin, secretary of the union, announced that basic wage increases amounted to 18½ per cent on an over-all basis, while the profit-sharing plan is expected to add another 11 per cent, bringing total gains to 29½ per cent over last year's contract. "In dollars and cents," said McLoughlin, "this means about \$50,000 a year increase in basic wages and another \$35,000 resulting from the profit-sharing plan."

Roland C. Davis, associate director of the National Labor Bureau who acted as counsel for the union throughout negotiations, pointed out that the profit-sharing plan differed from the traditional plan in a number of ways.

"The traditional profit-sharing plan," said Davis, "has been opposed by Labor unions because too often it was instituted by management alone as an alternative to real wage increases and because it was paternalistic in nature and under control of management. The plan secured by the Retail Clerks' Union has neither of these faults. It is in addition to a substantial wage increase and is incorporated into the collective bargaining contract as a basic right of the union members."

All employees who work 300 hours or more during the year are eligible to participate in the plan. Ten per cent of net profits before taxes are divided by the total number of man-hours worked. Each employee is entitled to receive this amount multiplied by his total hours during the year.

Retroactive Pay Raise Granted

ST. LOUIS—An agreement with the American Stove Co., St. Louis, providing for a wage increase of 15 cents an hour, retroactive to January 1 of this year, has been announced by the general offices of the Stove Mounters' International Union of North America. More than 800 employees of the company benefit. Joseph Lewis, president of the international union, takes pride in the fact that the wage gain for Local 96 was made without any stoppage of work. Negotiations were carried on in a friendly spirit and there was no discord at the conference table.

Latin American Economic Freedom

MONTREAL—Latin America has set out on the path of industrialization that leads to economic independence, Edward J. Phelan, acting director of the International Labor Office, declared in a report prepared for presentation to the American regional conference of the I.L.O. which opened April 1 at Mexico City. This independence, the report said, "is in no sense contrary to the interests of the other peoples of the world."

Highway Construction

California State Automobile Association reports that contract for construction of 7.2 miles of new highway on U. S. 99, six miles north of Red Bluff, has been awarded. Construction work on the Meyers Grade portion of U. S. 50, interrupted by the war, will be resumed as soon as the snow has melted.



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CASE FOR PETRILLO

These are difficult times in many ways; one of the greatest of all difficulties at the moment is the matter of looking at and examining any question of national importance objectively. And that goes for a great many figures of national fame who are focal points for controversy at the moment. For the art of propaganda and subversive opinion building that has been developed in Washington during the past too many years is one that would warm the cockles of Joe Goebbels' heart were he here to see it. In many ways our reputation for super-colossal, bigger and better, stupendous, etc., etc., super-adjective-described accomplishments has reached its zenith in our reaction to propaganda, good or bad, constructive or destructive.

Take the matter of the Musicians' Union, A.F.L., and its elected head, James C. Petrillo as a case in point. Those who know—and believe—only "what they read in the papers" have just about become convinced that James C. Petrillo, the musicians' Samuel Gompers, is a cross between Hitler, Roosevelt and Syd Hillman, with a little of the Slapsi-Maxie thrown in. To the better than 150,000 men and women of his union, he is considerably less—and more, too—that that. For one thing—and bear this in mind, if you will—he is the elected—elected, mind you—head of one of the few remaining Labor unions in this land whose membership year after year discuss, debate, cuss, command, condemn, and finally elect their own leadership; so, right off the bat, the most frequently used terms in connection with Petrillo, such as czar, dictator, boss, master mind, etc., fall considerably short of being applicable. Just example number one of what propaganda can do toward the ultimate end of destroying principles which used to be very highly respected in these parts. If you question this, and wonder whether, or not Mr. Petrillo represents truly the members of his union, just ask the next member of the union you run across; ask him—or her—what he

Pressmen Win in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—After almost a year of delay instigated by the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of America won a National Labor Relations Board election at Pacific Press, Inc., Los Angeles, by a vote of 79 to 30. Previous to the election the N.L.R.B. had decided against the Lithographers' Union by maintaining that all pressmen should be in one collective bargaining unit. Robert W. Gilbert, attorney for the pressmen, stated that this victory reversed the stand of the N.L.R.B. in nine previous cases and assured the A.F.L. Printing Trades Union jurisdiction over offset or so-called "lithographic" work. Credit for the election victory is due International Vice President J. H. de la Rosa, Representative Edward M. Balsz, and rank and file members of the union.

"America United"

Three representatives of Labor, agriculture and government will discuss the question, "How Can the U. S. Help Reduce International Trade Barriers?" on the "America United" broadcast, Sunday, April 14, KPO, 10:15 a. m., P.S.T. The experts will be William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and William L. Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State.

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We are indebted to President Hubbard of Musicians' Union No. 6, for the following article from "Moore's Oregon Weekly," published in Portland, Oregon, February 22, 1946. The weekly is not a musicians' union paper. Mr. Charles M. Barbe, musical editor of the weekly, is the author of the article.

thinks of Petrillo and whether or not Petrillo is representing the best interests of the Nation's musicians. It is also example number one that there is usually at least two sides to any question.

There has been, for instance, a lot of todo about the recent banning of foreign broadcasts of music by the Musicians' Union. Yet there wasn't a thing said about the permission granted by the same Musicians' Union for a tour in this country by the London Symphony. Music is good propaganda; it is also a means toward breeding a fine brand of understanding and co-operation between countries. All of which makes a tour by

the London Symphony a good idea.

But it doesn't necessarily support equally the case for foreign musical broadcasts.

Virtually all of the European broadcasting orchestras receive state support; they are sent to this country for free, wrapped up from time to time with some excellent propaganda. Since our networks get them for free, and since one program leads to two, two to four, four to forty, and so forth, it need not be too long a time until local and national musicians would be in the same position as might be the local carpenters' union if someone were overnight to import, six to a car, a couple of thousand low-priced construction laborers.

Besides which, such foreign broadcasts, on any extensive basis, were banned before the war by agreement, and the present situation is simply the return to pre-war conditions. Maybe that's why a lot of the networks and recording companies yell so loud now that they may have to pay American musicians to do what European musicians were doing for free for so long; for free as far as our networks were concerned.

One of the local dailies of this region recently went out on an editorial limb regarding this particular event and another instance where Petrillo and his union ruled in a fashion to provide cannon fodder for the big guns of propaganda. Some day, one hopes, even our better newspapers will return to the once-honored tradition of reporting events factually, objectively, and with the idea in mind that quite often, as mentioned before, there are more than one side to any controversial question.

But in the question of the musicians and their union and its *elected* leader, it might be a good idea (it would be, if nothing else, a refreshing departure from contemporary tendencies) to look before leaping, to examine both sides before going out on a limb of expressed opinion, and, most fundamentally, to examine and judge issues themselves rather than the personalities involved.

Union Label Column



regarding the Union Label:

"The Union Label is a symbol of collective bargaining. It is the emblem of distinction on any product made by union workers and is the only authentic assurance that the product was made under conditions where workers have something to say about them. It is the best insurance for living wages and decent working hours.

"The Union Label is further assurance that the manufacturer on whose goods it appears is co-operating with and accepts the principle of collective bargaining; that he takes pride in the materials and workmanship of his product. Thus, Union Label goods are worthy of the consideration of all American consumers. On the other hand, if the consumer does not demand the Union Label he will take many risks, such as poor quality and faulty workmanship.

"The Union Label is the only guarantee that products are made by American men and women workers—under conditions as exemplified by the American Federation of Labor. Likewise, the Shop Card or Service Button should be seen by the purchaser before he patronizes the services of any firm."

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You Answer It

If irresponsibility is to be the yardstick of American journalism, top prize goes to the New York *Herald-Tribune* correspondent who reported from Italy on March 28:

"John L. Lewis' notice to America's soft coal operators that members of his United Mine Workers would stop work was felt in every Roman kitchen within twenty-four hours after he announced his order on Thursday. There was no gas to cook supper in local stoves tonight, and there will be none until further notice from Lewis."

With an estimated six weeks' coal supply above ground and American industrial needs amply taken care of, there seems no need to over-dramatize the issue. There is even less need for tossing dynamite around, unless you want to bring the building down. Or does that kind of reportorial dynamite tossing qualify as a public trust? You answer it.

What Is Your Christianity Worth?

By RUTH TAYLOR

As we approach another Easter season, we are face to face with the great problem of all ages—what is our Christianity worth? What has it done to improve our way of life? What have we done to express it in the terms—the only terms which we can use—of service to others?

To those of us to whom our religion is a vital force, Christianity spells obligation. It is not just a ritual. The ritual is merely the expression and the reminder of the principle back of it. The Christian way of life is the way of love, the way of brotherhood. A person has only as much Christianity as he has love, and no more, I read once, and it is true.

The soul knows no race or creed or color. "Thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart" was the first great commandment, and Jesus added: "And the second is like unto it—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On God's side all men are brothers.

This is the basis of Christianity. We know it. We were taught it as children, no matter to which church we went, but too often we have kept it a Sunday-creed—not a rule of life. We did not apply it to our neighbor, to the stranger within our gates, to those who worshipped or thought or spoke in different manner than did we.

If we had ever tried Christianity as a way of life, there would be no poverty, no insecurity, no despondent and despairing people. Ours was the task, ours the responsibility if we wished to be classed as Christians.

In a recent speech the Christian position was humbly expressed: "We acknowledge that in the past we have tolerated much of which we are now ashamed. We are resolved never again to lose that new sense of values which we have won through the war. We shall uphold these values at whatever cost, so that we may build a future in which they shall rule the lives of men."

What is your Christianity worth? Unless it is put to practical application in your daily life, it is not worth anything. We are a Christian Nation and it is our task to live up to all that that implies. Only by practising brotherhood, as individuals and as a Nation, can we make democracy succeed and bring to reign on earth the peace of the King of Kings.

Pictureless Cartoon

In a little wayside station down in Alabama, an old Negro shuffled to the ticket agent.

"Ah wants a ticket foh Trivinia," he said.

The agent consulted the time table and the atlas and the company records. Finally, he asked: "Where is Trivinia? I can't find it." "Why," said the Negro in amazement, "dar she am, standin' right over thar."

Disability Insurance Questions and Answers

[Second in a series of articles dealing with the new Unemployment Compensation Disability Law.]

Q.—What conditions must a worker meet in order to qualify for disability benefits?

A.—A worker must be unemployed because of disability, must file a claim in accordance with regulations, and also must file a physician's certificate as to his disability. If required by the Department of Employment, he must also submit to a reasonable physical examination.

Q.—Are there any exceptions to the requirement of a physician's certificate?

A.—Yes, if a worker adheres to the teachings of a bona-fide church, sect, denomination or organization which depends on prayer or spiritual means for healing, then the department may accept a certificate from the duly credited practitioner of such organization.

Q.—Is a waiting period required before disability benefits are payable?

A.—Yes, the law requires a waiting period of seven consecutive days during each spell of disability before disability benefits will be paid. No benefits will be paid for such waiting periods.

Q.—What does the term "disability" mean?

A.—Either mental or physical illness or mental or physical injury, which prohibits a worker from performing his regular, or customary work.

Q.—Is pregnancy considered disability?

A.—Ordinarily, no. The law provides that benefits are not payable in pregnancy cases, prior to the fourth week after termination.

Q.—Am I eligible for disability benefits if I am drawing workmen's compensation?

A.—A worker must be unemployed because of disability, must file a claim in accordance with regulations, and also must file a physician's certificate as to his disability. If required by the Department of Employment, he must also submit to a reasonable physical examination.

Q.—Are there any exceptions to the requirement of a physician's certificate?

A.—No. You are also ineligible if you are drawing compensation under the laws of any other State, the Federal government, or under an employer's liability law of this State, any other State, or the Federal government.

Q.—If I am receiving medical or hospital insurance from my own private policy, will the State pay disability benefits in addition to this?

A.—Yes, unless you are paid under a disability plan approved by the commission as a part of the disability insurance system. (This will be discussed in a later part of the series.)

Q.—If my employer keeps me on the payroll when I'm sick, may I draw disability benefits?

A.—Ordinarily, no. If you are on the payroll, you are not unemployed, and therefore not eligible for benefits.

Q.—Suppose wages paid me while I'm disabled are less than the amount to which I would be entitled under disability insurance, do I get the difference?

A.—Yes, the State will pay the difference. If your wages were \$15 a week, and your weekly awards were \$20, the State would pay the additional \$5 under the Unemployment Compensation Disability Benefits law.

Q.—Is a minor eligible for disability benefits?

A.—Yes, on the same basis as anyone else.

Q.—If I file a claim for unemployment insurance, does that bar me from claiming disability benefits?

A.—No. Filing a claim for either unemployment insurance or disability insurance establishes a benefit year for both types of benefits. You may draw your total award in either kind of benefits for the benefit year, plus not more than one-half of that amount in the other type of insurance during the same year.

Q.—May I draw both unemployment insurance and disability insurance in the same week?

A.—No, but if you are unemployed and able to work for part of a week and disabled for the remainder of the week, you may be paid not more than the weekly amount for either type of benefit.

Where to Go and What to Do

For this week's vacation spot we have selected the nearby Sonoma Coast, Bodega bay to Russian River, reached by State Highway No. 1. The rugged shoreline, sandy beaches, surf and rock fishing should prove ideal for those who like the oceanside. The hikers will find plenty to occupy their attention in this location and those who like to take a swim in the ocean (with precaution) can satisfy their desire. Wild flowers abound in the area at this time of year.

"Since the general civilization of mankind I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpation." —James Madison.

Personal Sketches

TIMOTHY A. REARDON

Synonymous of San Francisco is the name Timothy A. Reardon and further, it can be said, the man is synonymous of the A.F.L. Labor Movement of San Francisco. It will not be the purpose of this column to record in detail the life of this man; we would leave that to future biographers and historians of the City of San Francisco. Suffice, for the purpose of this column, we will sketch briefly the highlights of Mr. Reardon's career of public service to his beloved city and State, and to the Labor Movement which is so much of his life.

Mr. Reardon came into the Labor Movement of San Francisco, his native city, in those rough and tumble days of 1895. Starting working in what is now the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant, he became affiliated with Steamfitters' Union, No. 590. In 1900, he represented his union in the Iron Trades Council (known today as the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council). Here, it might be stated, there are only two original members of that old council living, Reardon and Bill McCabe, building superintendent of the A.F.L. Labor Temple on Sixteenth street.

In 1902, Mr. Reardon was elected delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council, a position he still holds. Six times he has represented the Council in A.F.L. national conventions and has represented the metal trades group in the Metal Trades Departmental Council of the A.F.L. many times.

His public service career started when Mayor Rolph appointed him to the Playground Commission. Later on, the Mayor needed someone to handle the presidency of the Board of Public Works and spotted Reardon in that position, which he held for 18 years. When Rolph became Governor of the State, Tim fitted into the State picture. He served as Highway Commissioner, under Rolph and Merriam; as Labor Commissioner, succeeding James Mullin, a former editor of the *Labor Clarion*. For nine years he served as member of the State Industrial Accident Commission; six of those nine years he was director of Industrial Relations department. It was during the last named term of office for the State that Mr. Reardon achieved fame for his handling of industrial disputes involving Labor and Capital.

In those early days of his directorship, the burden of settling industrial trouble fell on his shoulders. He had to tell representatives of the Federal government that they had no jurisdiction in the State settling the Labor troubles. It can readily be assumed this did not make him too popular with national agencies. Soon after his assumption of office, the first strike of movie people took place in Hollywood, and under his guiding hand, settlement was effected to the satisfaction of all concerned.

All the large agricultural strikes took place during his term of office. Two notable strikes stand out in his mind—those of the lettuce fields of Salinas and the fishermen strike of Monterey around 1934. Difficult was the task of settling those two strikes because of feeling engendered in the two communities. Strikes in the agricultural and fishing industries were without precedent and animosity predominated. Reardon had learned his Labor well. His knowledge had been gained from that hard school of experience and not from systematic expositions of facts and principles from written pages. The settlement of those strikes are history. The workers in those industries received fair treatment from the hands of the Industrial Relations Department and today a more decent living condition prevails.

During those strikes, all manner of nasty insinuations were heaped upon the shoulders of Tim Reardon. One thing stands out clearly: his bitterest critics could not find fault with the way he conducted himself. He fought hard and long for the principles he held high, but he fought his battles honestly and met issues squarely.

Mr. Reardon has just completed five and a half years of public service, without salary, as a member of the Low-Cost Housing Commission in this city. As is typical of the man, he is now devoting more time to the Labor Movement because, as he puts it, "I have more time to devote, being unhampered by other work." Thus, this man who came from pioneer stock and who pioneered much beneficial Labor legislation by continually agitating betterments for working people, is still using his energies after over a half century in the field of Labor.

He gave unselfishly of himself to the cause of the workers of this State, and in turn, the workers of this State rewarded him through their elected officials by seeing that he was placed on commissions where his talents would be the instrument through which their wishes would be mirrored.

So we close this inadequate sketch of a truly great man who labored in a humble manner to improve our lot. May his retiring years bring him comfort from the satisfaction of knowing that he did improve this world.

Motoring hint—Pull over to the side of the road to look at the wild flowers. You will enjoy them more and relieve your friends of the possibility of sending some of them to your undertaker.

A.F.L. Expects Early Test On L.A. Police Union Ban

LOS ANGELES—Hopes that the Supreme Court of California will grant direct review of the edict secured by Mayor Fletcher Bowron barring unionization of Los Angeles police officers are high at this time.

Last week the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and the Southern California Council of Public Employees directed their legal counsel to bring a test case against the action of the Bowron-appointed Police Commission which gave police officers 30 days to resign membership from all affiliated Labor organizations on the ground that this ban, aimed at destroying Los Angeles Police Union, No. 1665, was unconstitutional and in excess of the board's powers.

Within the five-day period allowed the police commission to indicate whether or not it would oppose the exercise of jurisdiction by the high court, the city government filed its request that the Supreme Court assume original jurisdiction because "The subject-matter is of great importance not only to the City of Los Angeles but to every municipality in the State" so that "an early determination of the matter by the court of last resort will be highly beneficial."

The A.F.L. petition includes a request for an order staying enforcement of the police commission's union-smashing rule until final determination of the action.

"Stripped of legal technicalities, the mayor and police officials have simply used the devices of the 'yellow dog contract' and 'company union' to attempt to prevent police officers from seeking redress of their grievances," according to C.L.C. Attorney Bob Gilbert.

Communist Group Rapped

LONDON—Britain's Labor party lashed out vigorously at Communism and its own dissident left-wing elements. A manifesto accused British Communists of wishing to form a fifth column and angrily rejected the Communist party's bid for affiliation. The Communist party was declared an enemy of democracy, an obstacle to friendship with the Soviet Union and a discredited failure in a statement that also termed it "a real danger and serious menace as a fifth column working from within."

Secretary Meany's Report

WASHINGTON—Secretary-Treasurer Meany's report for the fiscal year, beginning September 1 and ending August 31, 1945, shows that at the close of the year the A.F.L. had a balance on hand of \$2,087,021.48. Of this total, \$1,862,784.50 is in the defense fund for the local trade and federal Labor unions and the balance, \$224,236.98, is in the general fund. The total receipts from all sources, \$2,407,731.86; total expenses, \$2,370,401.35. Amount of receipts over expenses, \$37,330.51.

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Deaths in Labor's Ranks

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*Helmers, Henry C.—April 3, Sausage Makers' 203.
Gilling, Henry—April 3; Bartenders' 41.
Haumann, Emil—April 4; Sheetmetal Workers' 104 and
Automotive Machinists' 1305.
Cook, Pete—April 5; Hoisting and Portable Engineers' 3.
Miller, Geo. W.—April 7; Carmen's 1380.
Lehman, Henry J.—April 9; Mailers' 18.*

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

*Stritzky, Capt. John—In Alameda, Calif., April 5; Mas-
ters, Mates and Pilots.
Ferguson, Daniel—Redwood City, April 7; Misce-
laneous Employees, No. 110.*

New York Drivers End Strike

NEW YORK—Contracts between the Greater New York Wholesale Grocers' Association, Krasne Brothers and Krasdale Foods, Inc., and Local 138, Teamsters and Warehousemen's Union, A.F.L., signed in the offices of the New York State Mediation Board, ended a month-old strike against 52 wholesale grocers in New York City. The walkout tied up deliveries to retail stores. The three contracts provide wage increases of 15 cents an hour for 800 drivers, helpers and warehousemen.

Deputy Voting Registrars

Beginning April 15, deputy registrars will be placed in the firehouses in the various residential districts for the purpose of registering voters. The hours for registering will be from 12 noon to 8 p. m.

Transit Wage Freeze Hit; Bowles Acts on Protests

LOS ANGELES—The blasts issued by divisions affiliated with the California State Council of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, A.F.L., against unauthorized extension of the new "Wage-Price Policy" to the local transit industry have been heard clear back in Washington, D. C.

Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles, top man under the new controls, last week teletyped the Conciliation Service of the U. S. Department of Labor in San Francisco asking for an investigation of complaints by State council affiliates. Telegrams had been sent to Bowles by representatives of 10,000 A.F.L. street carmen and motor coach workers protesting that an informational pamphlet issued March 8, by Bowles, O.P.A.-head Paul Porter, and Wage Stabilization Board Chairman W. Willard Wirtz, had misinterpreted the law by stating that pre-approval of transit wage adjustments was necessary on W.S.B. "Form Ten" before they could ever be used as a basis for fare increases.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Fred W. Smith, who was before entering the Marines four years ago was a member of the *Shopping News* chapel, has been discharged from military service and is now located at Hawthorne, Nevada. When reporting his release from service, Fred requested that a traveling card be sent him, thus severing his connection with No. 21. A fine fellow, good mechanic and splendid soldier, his locating in Nevada is a real loss to No. 21.

McPherson Phillips, a pensioner member, writes from Tucson that Mrs. Phillips passed away on April 4. Some months ago Mr. Phillips took his wife to Arizona in the hope that the change of climate would benefit her health. The sympathy of the membership goes out to Mr. Phillips in his bereavement.

Charles C. Cantrell, for many years a member of No. 21, who entered the Union Printers Home some months ago, vacated the Home on April 3 and went to Chicago. Charley had a few days earlier requested a traveling card be mailed him.

S. B. Campbell, pensioner member, who recently vacated the Home and returned to San Francisco, last week drew his traveling card and left for the Northwest.

Los Angeles Union, at its March meeting, amended its local law to increase the salaries of local officers to approximately \$100 a week plus \$25 monthly for miscellaneous expenses. The new base for official salaries in Los Angeles Union will be "seven days' pay at the morning newspaper scale."

From the East it is reported that Charlotte Union, late in March, officially notified the I.T.U. that the North Carolina union would probably not be able to accommodate the 1946 convention. It is further stated that I.T.U. officials immediately answered "with what amounts to a demand that Charlotte at once indicate whether it intends to go ahead with its commitment (to entertain the convention) or whether it is going to get out from under." If Charlotte, after having sought and secured the convention, withdraws, then the selection of the city for the holding of the convention would be made by the I.T.U. Executive Council.

E. C. MacMillan, who has retired from active work, is now located at Cloverdale and writes in saying that he is feeling fine and sending a "hello" to all friends.

Union Printers Golf Association

By PAUL E. GALLAGHER

Inasmuch as there was not a full turnout of qualifying players at the March turnout, names of all paid-up playing members of the association were drawn for the annual championship match play, first round of which takes place at Crystal Springs on Sunday, April 28. Herewith follows the pairings for the first round, handicaps following each player's name in parenthesis:

Wayne Dye (17) vs. R. C. Kimbrough (17).
Howard Watson (15) vs. Harry Darr (23).
Charles Nicholson (11) vs. Ben Apté (22).
Bud Stuck (24) vs. R. W. Smith (23).
Jess Conaway (18) vs. Cyril Straight (16).
Charles Forst (12) vs. Eddie Schmieder (18).
Elmer Darr (18) vs. Earl Mead (19).
John Rice (25) vs. W. Ferroggiaro (30).
Roy Donovan (19) vs. Jimmy Otis (30).
Charles White (11) vs. E. M. Blackford (18).
Art Linkous (14) vs. Ron Cameron (11).
Johnny McAndrews (15) vs. Walt Valiant (20).
Alston Teel (26) vs. Lester J. Brewster (21).
Earle Browne (26) vs. Jack Tappendorff (23).
Percy Crebassa (12) vs. Paul E. Gallagher (22).
Tim Godfrey (30) vs. L. E. Aldrich (30).

All paid-up members are eligible to play and any showing up not drawn in above listing will be put into matches where one or both of the drawn contestants do not show up. The handicaps used to start the match play will stand regardless of any handicap reductions made later for the monthly medal play, occasioned by the shooting of sub-par scores in more than one tournament.

The Crystal Springs Course will come up for bids on April 17. It is understood the present lessee, Tom Hutton, will not be among the bidders. Doc Lieder, present owner of La Rinconada and former owner of El Camino, is expected to have the inside track. We expect our commitment for the April date to stand, regardless of what change takes place in the management.

Now that the war is over, observes Edgar E. Lampert, Director of Motor Vehicles, motorists have stopped worrying about gasoline tickets and have started worrying about speeding tickets.

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State Labor Paragraphs

LOS ANGELES—Teamsters' Joint Council 42 has strongly endorsed the California Safety Council's proposal that license plates be issued permanently. The council forwarded to Governor Warren a letter urging such adoption.

OAKLAND—Jack D. Maltester, secretary-treasurer of Printing Specialties and Paper Converters' Union, No. 362, is seeking election to the San Leandro City Council.

BAKERSFIELD—The Kern County Labor Council and the Kern County Building and Construction Trades Council have made contributions for the annual convention of the California Council for the Blind, which is scheduled to meet in this city April 26 and 27.

LOS ANGELES—During the first quarter of 1946, there were 65 strikes in the Los Angeles area. Of the 65, 15 involved A.F.L. unions and the remaining 50 were C.I.O. unions.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By LOUISE A. ABBOTT

The regular business meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, April 16, 1946, at Sagamore Hall, Red Men's building, 240 Golden Gate avenue, at 8 o'clock, starting promptly and closing at 9 o'clock, when the evening will be completed with the annual Label Party and Exhibit.

April is designated by W.I.A. as "Union Label Month" and we are honored by having the W. I. A. Label Chairman, Grace L. Young, in charge of the annual affair. Grace and her committee do a consistently good job all year around, and it is needless to state that the affair will be a most successful one.

Entertainment Chairman Roby Wilchman and her committee have a pleasant surprise in the line of refreshments, and specially planned to conform, with the spirit of the evening.

Come out and bring your friends!

Sympathy is expressed by the entire organization to Mrs. Ann White in the recent loss of her brother, Robert Murphy, of Mill Valley, who was killed when he got out of his car to view the damage done when it was hit by a motorcycle, only to be struck down by a passing motorist.

Thanks to Mrs. "Betty" Green, who gave freely of her time to help Chairman J. Ann McLeod and her Ways and Means Committee with their annual bazaar.

Thanks to Mr. J. C. Lange of the Call-Bulletin for his very generous and beautiful collection of Christmas cards, which were donated for the Children's Hospital.

Printers' Election Returns

INDIANAPOLIS—Unofficial returns from 305 unions gave Don F. Hurd 22,682 votes and Henry Clemens 14,824 in the secretary-treasurer contest. The salary amendment shows a majority of 8,463 in favor. The official count begins April 12. Following are tabulations of some cities:

	Hurd	Clemens	Hurd	Clemens
Los Angeles	259	750	Colo. Springs	31
Toronto	574	255	Chicago	1892
New York	3140	2665	Detroit	493
Bakersfield	32	5	Merced	12
Fresno	49	14	San Ber'dino	2
San Diego	104	96	Glendale	11
Long Beach	36	55	Santa Ana	15
San Pedro	8	2	Anaheim	13
Cleveland	409	273	Buffalo	335
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Bus Pay Raise Approved

WASHINGTON—The Wage Stabilization Board has approved a pay increase of 14 per cent for 3,800 drivers and maintenance employees of Central and Pennsylvania Greyhound bus lines serving 18 northeastern States. The increases were recommended by a fact-finding panel to end a two-month strike. They were accepted by the company and the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

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Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

April 3 election results from 305 unions give Hurd 22,682, to 14,824 for Clemens. Referendum—Salary increases—For, 23,654 to 15,191 against. If similar ratio is maintained—which is quite probable—in the 545 unions yet to report results of the vote, it's safe to predict Hurd's election and salary increases by very substantial majorities. Official tabulation will begin on April 13.

The committee in charge of revising local by-laws held its first meeting last week at the home of Frances M. Peeler, who is a member of the committee, and reports considerable progress having been made. A member of the by-laws committee predicts they will make a "whirlwind finish" of the job at their next meeting.

William ("Bill") Mappin, former editor of *Labor Clarion*, was a visitor to *Chronicle* chapel election (April 3) night, displaying a keen interest in tally of local mailer vote. "Bill," as he is familiarly known to many members of No. 18, looking in the best of health, and cheerful and thankful of having retained the unimpaired sight of one eye, received a cordial greeting from the mailer boys of the chapel.

General S. F. Business Activity

General business activity in San Francisco during February continued at a slightly higher level than a year ago, but according to the seasonal pattern was under the January level, according to figures released Wednesday, April 3, by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The cost-of-living index for San Francisco during February reported by U. S. Department of Labor was 133.4 for all items. This was 1.7 per cent above last February but 0.5 per cent under the preceding month. Compared to last February, food prices were up 1.7 per cent, clothing 3.8 per cent and miscellaneous items 1.8 per cent. Rent, housing and fuel remained about the same.

Anti-Labor Petition Titled

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enacted to facilitate its operation but no law shall limit or restrict the provisions hereof.

"If any of the provisions hereof or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of this section or the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby."

Reports received by the California State Federation of Labor indicate that the proponents of the infamous Proposition No. 12 of 1944, the misnamed "Right of Employment" measure, are backing this new petition and will undoubtedly leave no stone unturned to obtain its enactment. Another fight is therefore faced by the trade union movement, as well as by enlightened public opinion, to overcome this never-dying effort on the part of the enemies of Labor to keep the State in a constant turmoil. The federation will watch all developments closely. Meantime, we urge the unions to see that their members are registered as qualified voters, as the full strength of Labor will be needed in the event that this and other anti-Labor petitions are qualified.

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Held Friday Evening, April 5, 1946.

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p. m. by Vice-President Rotell, Brother Armstrong acting as vice-president.

Roll Call of Officers—All present, excepting President Shelley, who is on leave of absence.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the *Labor Clarion*.

Credentials—None.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, April 5.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, they were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council; Candy and Glace Fruit Workers, No. 158—Georgina Costaguta, and Musicians No. 6—Art Weidner. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Communications—Filed: From the family of the late John Coughlan, Technical Engineers No. 11, expressing appreciation of the Council's floral offering. From the Sister Kenny Foundation, receipt for \$325, representing contributions from several organizations. From Frank Fitzgerald, Labor liaison representative for the Red Cross, report of Labor's activities in the recently concluded drive; thanked the Labor Council and all those unions for their co-operation and support. From the Building Trades Council, minutes of its March 21 meeting. From the California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letter* dated April 3.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

Donations—To the Red Cross from Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484—\$198.33. To the War Chest from Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484—\$396.66; From Theatrical Stage Employees No. 16—\$50.

Referred to the Executive Committee—From Department Store Employees No. 1100, request for strike sanction against Woolworth, Kress and Newberry Stores. From Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 7, request for strike sanction against the New Method Cleaners, Main and Maple streets, Redwood City, and all of their agencies located in San Francisco and San Mateo counties; same request from the Laundry Drivers No. 256. From Retail Shoe and Textile Union No. 410, request for strike sanction against the Gallenkamp Shoe Stores. From the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, asking the Council to concur in its action of placing the Upholstery Supply Company in San Francisco on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. From Office Employees' International Union, Local No. 3, advising that the union accepted the working agreement which was submitted by the Employers' Committee of the Council.

Referred to the Chairman of the Education Committee—From the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, appointing a committee on education to work in conjunction with the Council's committee. Referred to Chairman G. W. Johns.

Referred to the Labor Day Parade Committee—The following organizations advised their intention of participating in the Labor Day Parade and have appointed committees therefor: Automobile Painters No. 1073, Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, Blacksmiths No. 168, Civil Service Building Maintenance Union No. 66-A, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, Office Employees No. 3, Pile Drivers No. 34, Mailers No. 18, Waiters No. 30, Window Cleaners No. 44, and San Francisco Joint Council of A.F.L. Auxiliaries. The Motion Picture Operators No. 162 expressed regret that they would be unable to participate in the parade.

Request Complied With—From Sailors' Union of the Pacific requesting that the Standard Oil Company of California be removed from the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Council. From Paint Makers No. 1101 of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, requesting that we remove the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company from the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Council.

Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday, April 1.) Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of the Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, requesting strike sanction against Joseph B. Keenan, 535 North Point street, Mr. Brocato, manager of the apartment, appeared for the owner. Brother Dreyer appeared for the union. The basis of this complaint is the discharge of union men who were replaced by non-union men. The manager displayed a belligerent attitude and would do nothing to bring about an adjustment. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. The other matters before the committee will be held in committee awaiting word from the unions

requesting action. Meeting adjourned at 9 p. m. (Report of the committee concurred in as a whole.)

Synopsis of Report of the Delegates to the Conference Called by the California State Federation of Labor in Sacramento, March 22nd and 23rd. The conference was called to order at 10 a. m. March 23 in the Masonic Temple, Sacramento, by President Nogueira of the California State Federation of Labor. Brother Neil Haggerty acted as secretary. The conference was represented by a total delegation of 149 accredited delegates. The purpose of the conference was for the endorsement of candidates to be voted for by the electorate at the Primary Election in June and the General Election in November. The prospective candidates for public office were requested to appear before a committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into their qualifications for the offices to which they are aspiring. The committee, after interviewing all of the candidates, submitted their report recommending endorsement of the following: For Governor—Earl Warren; for Lieutenant Governor—John F. Shelley; for Treasurer—Charles G. Johnson; for Secretary of State—Frank M. Jordan; for Superintendent of Public Instruction—H. Dewey Anderson; for Attorney General—Edmund G. Brown (Democratic Party), Fred M. Howser (Republican Party); for United States Senator—Will Rogers, Jr.; for State Controller—No recommendation. The committee's recommendations were adopted. The conference was held in a democratic manner, every delegate having an opportunity to express his opinion, and we desire to thank the Council for the confidence it reposed in us as the representatives for this Conference of the California State Federation of Labor at Sacramento. Submitted by Anthony Cancilla and Wendell J. Phillips, delegates. (Moved and seconded that the committee's report be adopted; carried.)

Unfinished Business—The resolutions from Cooks No. 44 and Pile Drivers No. 34, laid over from last week, were read. These resolutions repudiated the endorsements made by the endorsement committee at the conference of the California State Federation of Labor in Sacramento. Motion made and seconded that the resolutions be filed. Amendment to the motion that the resolutions be laid on the table. A division was called for and a standing vote was taken with the following result: Ayes—131; Noes—15. Amendment carried.

Reports of Unions—Retail Shoe Clerks No. 410 reported that the Ransohoff's store group in San Francisco has broken off relationship with the San Francisco Retailers' Council and is now in the process of signing a union agreement with the Shoe Clerks. Miscellaneous Employees No. 110 reported that their union repudiated the action taken in Sacramento in the recent conference. Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90 reported that all of their members must be citizens of the United States. Leather and Novelty Workers No. 31 reported that they have been successful in getting an increase of 15 cents an hour in most of the 13 shops against which they requested strike sanction some time ago; thanked Brothers Shelley, O'Connell and Phillips for their assistance in this regard. Department Store Employees No. 1100 stated that O'Connor Moffatt, now operated by Macy's of New York, is preparing for a fight rather than to deal with the union. Sailors' Union of the Pacific reported that after about ten years they have been successful in getting an agreement signed by the Standard Oil of California. At the present time they are conducting an election and fighting the C.I.O.; the A.F.L. on a Nationwide scale is 3 to 1 in the United States and is well represented on the water fronts up and down this Coast. The Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers reported that the culinary workers have received an award in the hotels of a five-day week, five

holidays and a slight increase in wages. The present agreement with culinary workers and the hotels expires on June 30, and they are going to try to get a new agreement and correct some of the conditions in the present one. Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90 reported they recently received an invitation from the C.I.O. Unity Committee which was turned down by the membership. Street Carmen No. 1380 reported they also have difficulties in organization because of C.I.O. activities; however, the carmen are now A.F.L. 2 to 1 and it is hoped that in the near future the carmen will again be 100 per cent A.F.L. Brother Douglas stated that a certain group who call themselves the Citizens' Committee for Better Government are out to keep wages down and is fearful that this group may precipitate a strike if they succeed in keeping wages down. Brother Dan Flanagan announced that he had a number of copies of *Labor's Monthly Survey*, January issue, which contained much informative material and which he advised the delegates to read and pass on. Vice-President Rotell reported that all the shipyards are back in operation and will soon be operating normally. The Metal Trades are involved in a jurisdictional dispute on the other side of the Bay with the C.I.O. Machinists. The Metal Trades is supporting the I.A.M. on their position in this matter. He reported that the Patternmakers' Association has finally settled their difficulties with the Metal Trades Association and the patternmakers will return to work under the first agreement they have had under negotiations. They received a \$3.20 per day increase.

New Business—Motion was made and seconded that when the Council adjourn it do so out of respect to the memory of Al Riddell, delegate from Operating Engineers No. 64, who passed away recently.

Announcements—The secretary announced that the Executive Committee will meet Monday, April 8; also, the Committee on Arrangements for the California State Federation of Labor Convention will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 2 p. m.

Receipts, \$1,254.99; disbursements, \$3,655.36.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

Unfair List Omitted

Owing to the lack of space, the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Labor Council has been omitted for this week.



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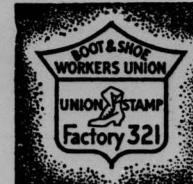
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West Coast Lumbermen's Pay Boost Is Approved

WASHINGTON—A new wage increase ceiling for approximately 125,000 workers in the West Coast lumber industry has been approved by the National Wage Stabilization Board. The increases are for pricing purposes and authorize 15 cents an hour above rates in effect August 17, 1945.

The board estimated that 2,500 firms were involved. It said that a majority of lumber concerns in Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho and Montana already had established a 15-cent increase pattern between August 17, 1945, and February 14, 1946.

The W.S.B. action gives advance board approval for increases up to the ceiling and requires O.P.A. to consider the increase as a factor in costs.

"Songs for Freedom" Revue

First hand knowledge of Spain's tragedy during the Spanish war and its bitter aftermath makes Ted Allan, correspondent, soldier and novelist, one of America's outstanding authorities on Franco Spain. San Franciscans will hear him give the inside picture of "Smoldering Spain" when he appears with the "Songs for Freedom" revue sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Appeal on Saturday evening, April 13, in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Tickets can be obtained at the Spanish Refugee Appeal office at 68 Post street, or at the box office the night of the performance.

"Fastest Growing Union"

CLEVELAND—Determined to hold its title of "fastest-growing big-city local in the U.I.U., Local 48, Upholsterers' International Union of N. A. reports organization of five shops with more than 250 members in the first two months of 1946. Negotiations have been opened with the companies for standard U.I.U. contracts and improved wages and working conditions.

Domestics Win Compensation

NEW YORK—A 10-year struggle by the Women's Trade Union League and Organized Labor to get workingmen's compensation for full-time domestic workers, ended successfully when both houses of the New York State legislature passed the Clancy bill.

In Case You're Interested

A five-week course in nutrition for housewives will be offered to housewives, beginning April 15, by Commerce Adult School. The classes will be held twice weekly, Mondays and Wednesdays, and meet from 7 to 9 p. m.

Thirteen million man-hours worked with a frequency rate of only 9.45 accidental injuries per 1,000,000 man-hours worked. This is the record compiled by workers in 90 different industrial plants in San Francisco for two months, January and February.

"The Activities and Industries of San Quentin" is the motif for an exhibition opening April 17 at the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

Mr. Bernard ("Ricky") Ross has been appointed race relations adviser for the Federal Public Housing Authority, it was announced by Regional Director Langton W. Post. Mr. Ross will cover California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii.

Worth Trying

(From Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen's Magazine)

Night sessions of the House and Senate twice each week have been recommended to Congress, with the suggestion that these sessions be broadcast all over the United States by radio.

New Zealand has had some experience along this line. When the New Zealand Labor government took over a few years ago, practically every newspaper in that country was opposed to the administration in power. The papers so distorted the news and gave such an unfair picture of what was going on, that finally the government decided to put the sessions of its parliament on the air.

Every night Parliament was in session the people all over New Zealand could sit in their homes and listen to the debates. As a result, at the next election the Labor government was overwhelmingly re-elected and the people knew exactly what was happening in their national legislature and did not have to depend on the subsidized newspapers for their information.

It is felt that some such scheme as that will be of great benefit to all the voters of the United States.

Bay Area, State Factory Employment Data Given

Total factory employment in the San Francisco bay industrial area remained practically unchanged between mid-February and mid-March, announced Paul Scharrenberg, director of industrial relations. According to preliminary returns, production workers in manufacturing industries numbered approximately 80,600 in the mid-week of March compared with 80,400 in February.

An increase of around 1,200 brought factory employment in nondurable goods industries to 47,900 wage earners in March from 46,700 in the preceding month. The gain in nondurable goods employment was partially offset by a decrease of 1,000 production workers in durable goods industries to 32,700 in mid-March from 33,700 in mid-February. The drop in durable goods factory employment reflects wage-earner reductions in a number of shipyards not closed by strikes. The return to work of thousands of employees in the last half of the month, following termination of strikes, is not reflected in the foregoing figures, Mr. Scharrenberg pointed out.

Factory employment in California manufacturing industries in mid-March was approximately 6,000 above the mid-February level, announced Paul Scharrenberg, California director of industrial relations. According to preliminary tabulations, production and related workers in manufacturing industries drawing pay in the mid-week of March numbered 389,500 compared with 383,700 in the comparable week in February.

Mr. Scharrenberg pointed out that this increase, while significant, fails to reflect the return to work during the latter part of March of thousands of wage earners following the settlement of several Labor-management disputes. Nondurable goods manufacturing industries almost without exception reported employment increases during the month. A total of 179,600 production workers were at work in this group of industries in mid-March contrasted with 177,200 in the previous month. Plants producing durable goods increased wage-earner employment to around 209,900 in March from 206,400 in mid-February. Increases in iron and steel, and metal working industries were partly offset by decreases in aircraft and shipbuilding.

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